

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 are pending in the application; new claims 17 to 20 have been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *DE 2,126,999* in view of *US 1,294,468*.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 8 and intervening claims 5, 6, 7 so that the above rejection no longer applies.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 8, 11, 15, 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 5, 6, 7, 8 and should thus be allowable.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form by including the features of claims 1 and 5 from which it depends.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form by including the features of claim 1 from which it depends.

Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form by including the features of claim 1 from which it depends.

New claims 17 to 20 have been added as dependent claims of claim 16; they correspond to original claims 2, 3, 4, and 12 and should be allowable as dependent claims of allowable claim 16.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees

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